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George Brown College Newspaper

CAAT study shelved

By Mike Lewis

A task force report on community college growth in Ontario - originally slated for public release - will never see the light of day, says education minister Bette Stephenson.

Prepared by the ministry at an undisclosed cost, the study is a "biased, subjective document," Stephenson told a delegation from the 200,000 member Ontario branch of the Canadian Federation of Students at a recent Queen's Park meeting.

In March, during question period at the Provincial Legislature, Stephenson assured Liberal leader David Peterson that the report would be published and made available to college administrators for response.

Stephenson now says the Task Force on College Growth draft has been shelved.

"Clearly this material should be released," says federation chairman Minika Turner. "It was commissioned by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities at public expense, so the public has a right to know what it says."

Student leaders suggest the report may be political dynamite.

Federation researcher Richard Balnis, who has seen excerpts of the draft, says it describes the college system as 25 percent too small and recommends expansion and upgrading of existing facilities, with a massive infusion of public funds.

"It's the same old story," says Balnis. "The ministry commissions a report that tells them post secondary education is grossly underfunded and calls for increased spending - things they don't want to hear - so they ignore their own

people's best advice."

Among other issues discussed at the two hour meeting: Community college entry requirements. The minister said the recently released Admissions Policy Draft proposal for standardized college entry exams for "oversubsidized" programs is just a "trial balloon. We are looking for input," Stephenson said.

The draft will be sent to college administrators who will respond by the end of October. The student federation opposes the plan saying standardized tests are culturally biased and indiscriminate against low income students.

"We expect the province will revert back to the random lottery selection method for high school graduates," Turner said. Free market tuition: Stephenson said the suggestion of a "supermarket university system" where courses are priced according to student demand and is "frightening" and won't be considered by her government, OFS on college campus". Dr. Stephenson said she would set up a meeting between John Humber, director of the ministry's college affairs branch, federation representatives and the Council of Regents to discuss college student membership in the union - even when a clear student majority has voted to join.

After the meeting, attended by Stephenson and about 25 delegates from across the province, the federation released their 216 page response to the Bovey Commission white paper. If implemented, the Bovey recommendations will dramatically decrease accessibility to higher education in the province while ignoring the concerns of a majority of students, the response says.

Wait reduction

The financial aid department has branched out - opening temporary loan offices at two George Brown campus' to handle the crush of students in early September.

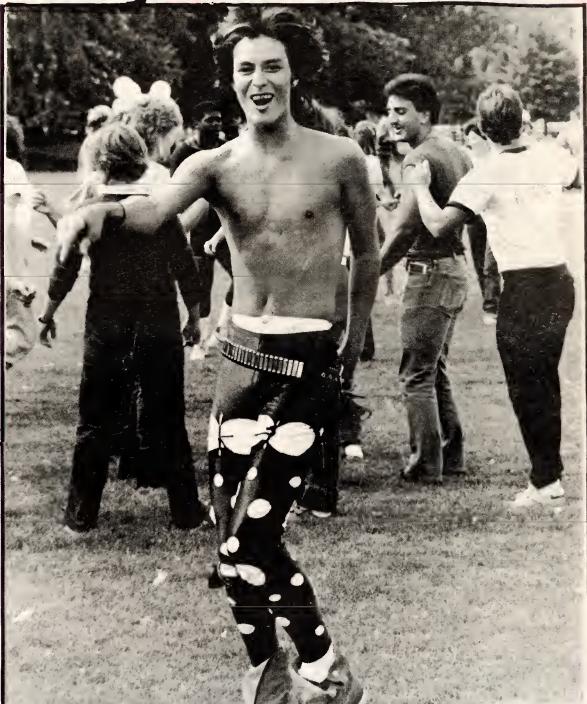
The result, according to an informal Dialog poll, has been wait reductions of nearly one third in lineups for OSAP loan and grant cheques.

After last year's scene, where hundreds of students overloaded the MacPherson Avenue financial

aid office and waited up to three hours for OSAP paper, Ferrett decided "something finally had to be done."

So staffers spent part of the summer gathering up more than 9,000 files and documents, including copies of 2,000 current OSAP applications, and shuffled them off to St. James and Kensington (also serving Nightingale) campus'. OSAP clerks were sent packing as well - two to an office.

Temporary loan offices have



Ron Colle, also known as "Space" demonstrates his joy at attending Island Fest '84. Despite last Wednesday's drowning tragedy at the Ryerson Picnic, about 500 George Brown College students managed some fun, though slightly subdued - in the sun - See pages 8 and 9 for more pix.

been set up around George Brown in the past but Ferrett says the service was sporadic.

responsive

The new locations: room 161B at St. James campus and the administration office at Kensington will operate regular business hours and were scheduled to remain open until at least the end of last week. They will re-open in early January.

Several hats

And since students can now collect OSAP material at the campus they attend, Ferrett says counsellors will be more familiar with their clients and more responsive to their needs.

Ferrett says the department should put an end to the traditional logjam in OSAP distribution at the college - but it won't make things much easier on student services staff.

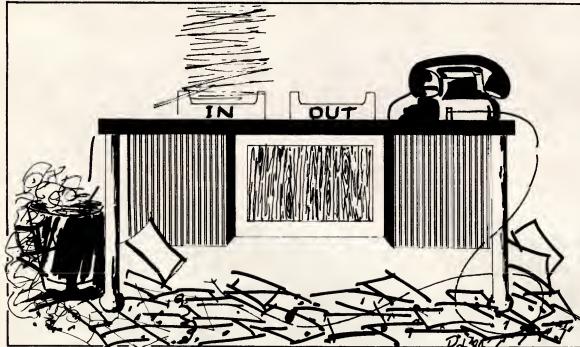
A major fiscal crisis in 1980 trimmed \$180,000 from the institute's salary budget forcing the department to rely on attrition, constant juggling of personnel and student service reductions - particularly in health counselling - to avoid lay-offs.

"We're at the absolute bone with a total of six full time counsellors," says Ferrett. "And each of those wears several hats."

Inside...

- Focus on Island Fest '84
- A conversation with Rosedale MP David Crombie
- Housing primer on the do's & don'ts of renting

Editorials



Royal Commission, Trojan horse

The Bovey Commission on the Future Development of Universities in Ontario has been active over the summer, a fact which GBC's students have greeted with monumental indifference. After all, the Commission's mandate does not extend to the CAAT's, so college students — who have enough troubles of their own — may be forgiven their unconcern. But the education system in Ontario is a delicate and closely intertwined fabric, and whatever affects one part of it will inevitably spill over into the remainder. It is high time the SAC, the students, and the administration got involved.

First, a little background: the postwar expansion of Ontario's postsecondary school system began while Bill Davis was Minister of Education. This was a belated response to the 1951 Massey Commission report, which had concluded that Canada's tendency toward reserving higher education for the elite, and toward concentration on the liberal arts, was depriving this country of the full benefits of industrialization. Canada in the '50s found itself in the ludicrous position of importing skilled and professional workers even in years of high unemployment, because it could not train them domestically. At the same time, Canada's "branch plant economy" meant that there was very little research and development going on in private industry; if we were ever to gain a competitive edge through innovation, R & D would have to be supported by government in the universities. Even with out such support, the universities had begun to emphasize scientific research: the first nuclear reactor in the British Commonwealth was built at McMaster University in the late 1950's — using money provided by the Baptist Church — and several schools, through the use of creative bookkeeping, had

managed to fund primitive computers in the face of Queen's Park's hostility.

All of this changed under Davis. The universities got the green light to expand, to develop radical new approaches to scholarly inquiry, to incorporate professional training and the hard sciences into their programs. The CAAT's were founded — not, originally, to replace apprenticeship and other private training, but to augment it, to provide Ontario with a pool of highly skilled practical labour ready to take on the sophisticated technical work in the new fields which a burgeoning economy was to open up. Both CAAT's and universities were to be operated with an eye to providing a postsecondary education to every qualified person in the province.

By and large, both tiers succeeded. Oh, there have been setbacks: CAAT's have sometimes functioned as a replacement for on-the-job training, so that instead of being paid to apprentice in a given skill, students now do the paying. Labour market forecasts have been notoriously unreliable; as a result, occupations such as nursing have suffered cycles of shortage and glut. University graduates in, say, business have sometimes been derided by employers as overendowed with esoteric knowledge and abysmally ignorant of mundane facts and methods. Still, by 1975, the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation was able to speak of the "great Canadian pioneering achievement" which had placed this country "clearly among the educational leaders." Ontario, as Canada's most populous and wealthiest province, was very much at the fore.

Ironically, Bill Davis as premier soon set about undoing what Davis as minister had wrought. Through most of the '70's

and '80's, the province's support for higher education (governments supply more than 80% of funding) did not keep pace with inflation. Even federal grants were diverted away from education and toward health care. The result is what we see around us today: decrepit buildings, overworked faculty, inadequate administrative staff, and obsolete equipment. But, contrary to government expectations, enrollment did not decline — except where the schools themselves had limited admissions.

In the early '80's, Ontario universities were in a crisis. A Royal Commission informed Queen's Park that it had only two choices: it could loosen its purse strings, or it could abandon the long-standing goals it had set, including R & D and universal accessibility. Queen's Park being full of politicians, it decided to do a little of both. On one hand, it promised that funding would at least keep pace with inflation for awhile — and a collective sigh of relief went up from universities and colleges which had learned that "not enough" would not become even less. On the other hand and, it instructed the Bovey Commission to explore means by which universities could be "rationalized" into a more cost-effective structure.

As it now stands, the new structure will probably include one "full spectrum" university — Toronto, what else? — a few regional centres, and a majority of "specialized" or "focussed" universities. The object will be to eliminate overlap in universities' curricula; each school will concentrate on its particular strengths and downgrade its weaker programs.

There are a lot of reasons why this is a Bad Thing. First, it will increase the separation between specialties at a time when the

biggest developments are emerging at the edges of traditional sciences: in bioengineering, for instance. Second, it is based on a prediction of WHERE innovation will hit; but new work is often done initially outside the established programs, which sometimes become hidebound, locked into old ways of doing things. Thus, it was Waterloo rather than Toronto which has come up with new computer languages.

But above all, remember that the restructuring envisioned is at heart an economy measure, intended to at least hold the line on costs in the face of increasing demand for university places. Inevitably, savings will be realized in one of two ways: by reducing the numbers of students in university or the quality of instruction they get; or by reducing the proportion of funds devoted to research.

The latter is the easiest; it can be accomplished simply by doing nothing. University professors are currently expected to devote only a third of their time to teaching, and the remainder to research. Every six years or so, they get a paid sabbatical, during which they are to produce a major research work; a book, for example; and to familiarize themselves with current developments. Compare that to college professors, who are defined as teacher pure and simple. They do little research, and are sometimes so busy that they cannot even keep up their occupational accreditations. Every college student knows horror stories about classes that would have

been old-fashioned in 1972: this is why.

If university enrollment continues to expand, or even if it remains stable, while the proportion of professors declines through attrition and/or layoffs, then profs will simply be forced to turn more of their attention to teaching. If, at the same time, the erosion at physical plant and equipment progresses apace, then R & D will suffer still more. R & D — done almost exclusively at the universities in this country — is what improves Ontario's competitive position in the market. It keeps existing jobs secure and paves the way for new ones in new sectors. CAAT's job oriented as they are, should care about this.

More important is the decline in accessibility. It's already mentioned. If applicants cannot get into university, either because there are too few places, or because the program desired is in a university at the other end of the province, then they can logically be expected to swell the ranks here and at other colleges. But the CAAT's are not even being considered by the Bovey Commission. So far as I know, no one has attempted to predict the effects of university restructuring on colleges; in particular, no one has suggested how to pay for them. Colleges, already overburdened, underfunded, and packed tight as an egg, simply cannot handle any large influx of students without a corresponding influx of cash. Will the CAAT's get

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In the Ink ... with Mike Lewis

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Drop by the Dialog office (room 159, main floor, St. James campus) and tell us what you want.

Until I feel the pulse of the student body — if there is one — I'll follow my instinct which, naïve as it sounds, is to build up rather than tear down. That's assuming, of course, that this newspaper can have any influence at all. I think it can.

There's a sense of inferiority among students at George Brown College that fuels the school's extraordinary apathy.

That near shame some students display at attending this institution is obvious, baffling and unjustified. If you've been here a while you know what I'm saying. If you're new, I'm here to tell you why it is right to be at George Brown and why you should be positive and proud.

This is not to suggest that the Dialog will become a muffled watchdog. Negligence, incompetence and corruption will be exposed where, when and if it exists.

But with the hardened cynicism of these vengeful '80s there's a crying need for optimism, for hope.

Lord knows I need something to smile about. I think the students do too.

But remember, it's up to you.

Management accounting: a profession whose time has come

By Milou Erickson, MBA, RIA

Ms. Erickson is the Director of Education for The Society of Management Accountants of Ontario. She received her MBA from McMaster University in 1974 and her RIA designation shortly thereafter. Prior to her job with the Society, she taught accounting at McMaster University for 8 years.

A decade of fluctuating costs, unstable markets, rising inflation and unemployment has forced major changes in the way Canadian businesses and governments operate. The expansionist policies of the 60's and 70's have given way to a controlled growth that is almost survivalist in nature.

The technology that is being brought to bear and the increasing complexity of decision-making are forcing a new professionalism in management ranks today.

To lead their organizations successfully, managers must be more competent, able to understand and control the application of technology and analyze the information required to solve organizational problems.

Interestingly, it is still possible to be a modern Horatio Alger, going from rags to riches on the power of a new idea. But, today's Horatio Alger might not be able to manage the organization required to implement and manufacture the new idea.

The business motto of the 80's, "efficient management of organizational resources", has meant an increased concern with financial control, financial analysis and information systems on the part of management. The old frontline manager is on the way out, replaced by a decision-making team that is more understanding of, and responsive to, sudden shifts in economic and financial variables.

The team approach to management and the strong financial focus of that team has put accountants into the forefront of the management group.

It has long been recognized internationally that there are two branches to the accounting profession: the public auditing or attest branch, and the management accounting branch. Academically, management accounting as a discipline is becoming more and more important.

As the name suggests, management accounting involves the application of both management skills and accounting knowledge to the analysis and resolution of organizational problems. Thus, the management accountant works within the organization, dealing with both the day-to-day operations as well as the long-range financial management of the organization.

The primary role of the management accountant is to define, obtain, analyze, report and manage the financial and management information required for decision-making. This role is the key to the success of the management team, and involves the management accountant in all facets of the organization.

The demand for qualified management accountants has increased dramatically over the last decade. Today, fully two-thirds of all career opportunities in accounting are in the management accounting branch of the profession. And, because of the broad scope of the management accounting field, management accountants are to be found in all types of businesses, in government at all levels, as well as in private consulting.

A career in management accounting can be an exciting one. While the public stereotype may see accountants generally as "bean counters" wearing green eyeshades and horn-rimmed spectacles, the reality is far different. Management accountants are involved in strategic planning, project and operations control, management information systems,

data processing and analysis, internal auditing as well as the safeguarding of organizational assets.

The "bean counting" function has been delegated to the computer. This application of new technologies is a great challenge to the management accountant, since computers can provide a wealth of data for analysis and interpretation knowing how to use this mass of data in order to solve specific problems becomes of key importance.

While there are two branches to the modern accounting profession in Canada, there are three professional accounting designations. This has been the cause of some confusion both in the employment marketplace and in students looking to enter the accounting profession.

The professional designation for management accounting in Canada is the RIA designation. It is awarded by The Society of Management Accountants which is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to the training, accreditation and continuing professional development of management accountants.

The popularity of the RIA designation has increased dramatically over the last decade. In fact, more than half of all Canada's RIAs have been accredited since 1970, even though the Society has been in existence since 1921. Consistent with the demanding role performed by RIAs, almost 60 percent of them hold senior positions within their organizations.

Becoming a management accountant through The Society of Management Accountants involves completing a post-secondary level academic program of 18 courses, successfully writing three Final Accreditation Examinations and

demonstrating a minimum of two years practical work experience in management accounting related

Though the Institute of Chartered Accountants does not specifically accredit management accountants, many people with CA designations work in management accounting roles rather than in the audit function. In order to obtain the CA designation it is necessary to first complete a post-secondary education and then be accepted by a Chartered Accountant firm for a two or three-year training period.

With the increasing need for professionalism at the management level, and the increasing focus upon financial management and information, the future for management accountants is very promising.

Successfully completing the training program and the Institute's School of Accountancy allows the student to write the Uniform Final Examination for CA accreditation.

And, management accounting is a profession where the prospects and career potential are as good for women as they are for men. In fact, within The Society of Management Accountants, over 40% of new students are women and they are graduating at a rate proportionally higher than men.

But, like other professions, management accounting will continue to grow and change with economic and social conditions. Since technology impacts the profession to such a high degree, people working within the profession will be faced with a constant requirement for continuing professional education.

A profession of challenges and opportunities, management accounting also provides the tangible rewards of unlimited earning power, job security and social prestige.



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News Briefs

Tender is the bite

The Versa food services contract expired last month. The college placed an ad in a daily newspaper soliciting sealed tenders and, as of this writing, six bids had been received for the \$1.5 million, two-year contract. A committee, including administration and student representatives, have been reviewing the bids and a decision is expected early this month.

To pub or not to pub

Casa Loma SAC president Jorge Calado says he plans to resurrect the pub on campus issue with a deposition to the college finance committee. The men of the purse strings have traditionally opposed a permanent pub at Casa Loma but Calado says if one were allowed at the proposed site - the video games room in the west corner of the Casa Loma cafeteria - it would become a near instant money maker and student morale builder.

GBC placement stays up

Despite the tough economy, placement for graduates of GBC post secondary programs remained more than 80 percent this year. A survey of 1,235 graduates, available for work four months after commencement, found that 74 percent were working in related fields, 80 percent had unrelated jobs and 18 percent were still looking for work. Placement figures have increased for graduates of hospitality, health sciences and architectural trade programs and declined in social services, fashion, graphic arts and electrical trade areas.

The best kept secret

A GBC business student, who elected to remain nameless, points out the availability of exam re-writes in business programs in the case of failure. The re-write option is not noted in the institute calendar or the business division guide, he says.

Half way there

Finally, Provincial and federal governments have pledged a total of \$7.5 million toward the \$9 million construction cost of the Ontario Hostel Institute training facility for executive and head chefs. The four-storey, brick-front building will be erected on Adelaide Street, just east of Jarvis Street. That is, if the Ontario hospitality industry can be persuaded to chip in the remaining \$1.5 million. GBC president Doug Light says fundraisers have been at work since last April and to this date, they've secured \$800,000.

Target date to raise the remaining \$700,000 is December, 1984. If this goal is reached, and Light says it should be, construction on the college-owned site will begin by March or April, 1985. Projected completion date is August, 1986.

Seminars series on musical matters

A series of nine educational seminars of interest to all musicians will start this fall. Toronto Musicians' Association spokesman Rob Roland announced today.

Known as THE SEMINAR SERIES, the informational project will start this September and go until May, 1985. It will be held on the last Thursday of every month in the auditorium of the Association. Exact times, dates and participants will be announced later in the summer.

The SEMINAR SERIES is free and open to any musician. Tentative topics include: Video and the Musician, Staging, Music is a Business as well as five intrum-

ental workshops with well-known industry people.

The series is designed to offer information to the working musician and to bring together musicians and industry people in a relaxed but informative atmosphere. Keynot speakers and panelists will be selected from the industry and Rob Roland will be the moderator. The Toronto Musicians' Association has the largest membership of any local in Canada and is the hub of one of the largest recording and entertainment industries in North America. This series is its first large scale effort to provide educational and career support programs for musicians.

Job program unfair student charges

By Mike Lewis

A 35-year-old Pickering woman is challenging the province's Experience '84 program, accusing it of age discrimination.

Susanna Blackburn, a third-year Ryerson Polytechnical Institute social work student says the program, offering minimum wage jobs to students between 16 and 25, is a case of "legally sanctioned discrimination."

Blackburn has formed a mature students' coalition to fight the restrictions and is prepared to take the Ontario government to court for violating guarantees in the Canadian Charter of Rights.

"A mature student must meet the same obligations as any other student," she says. "But their are not the same."

"Perhaps our status should be redefined to indicate areas of exclusion."

Blackburn says all students

should be eligible for the program and age shouldn't be a factor.

To set the restrictions, Ontario's youth employment secretariat required an exemption from the Ontario Human Rights Code, says David Bruce, youth employment co-ordinator. The code says a job cannot be denied because of a person's age.

The exemption was granted by the Ontario Human Rights Commission and although the experience program has operated for more than 12 years, this is only the third year age restrictions have been imposed.

A spokesman for the employment secretariat says the weak economy "has tied our hands. Jobs are scarce and we don't have the resources to subsidize everyone," he says. "The 16 to 25 age group suffer the worst unemployment so they get more preference."

But Blackburn says the changes

in the code endanger everyone's rights, not just mature students. "If they can alter human rights statutes this easily, then segregation can be applied on the basis of sex or race as well as age."

She points out that mature students are returning to school in record numbers "and these people can't just be ignored."

Blackburn began promoting the idea of a mature students' union in April, 1983 with campus radio announcements and newspaper inserts. Today, the coalition has 75 members two have

attended George Brown College.

The coalition has obtained legal aid and members are gearing up for a court battle. Blackburn says the organization will circulate a petition through York, the University of Toronto and Ryerson this fall to try and drum up support.

Pino resigns

By Mike Lewis

Pino Giorgio has resigned as St. James student union president — after only four months in office.

Elected on March 30, 1984, the 21-year-old George Brown College business graduate began his term in mid-May and stepped down August 28, after giving verbal notice at the beginning of the month.

According to the student union constitution, the resigned executive is automatically succeeded by former vice-president Patricia Keffler for the remainder of the academic year, or until an election is called.

So the question is if Keffler wants to keep the big job.

"I'm in the final year of an accounting programme and carry a full course load so I wasn't sure if I could handle the responsibilities of the president's office," says Keffler.

"But we (St. James student council executive) agreed an election wasn't a good idea at this time so I've decided to stay on."

Giorgio, who had planned to complete his option year in business management says, now with two job offers he may not continue at the college in any capacity.

St. James social conveyor Keffler Koning says the surprise resignation will cause a minor disruption in SAC services because "we are now vice-presidentless."



In with the new, St. James SAC president Patricia Keffler: "I decided to stay on."

Campus clubs, primarily the vice-president's office, may face a delay in budget allocations.

A vice-president can be appointed by the SAC executive with a majority approval of the General membership or the politicians could take the issue to the students for a vote.

But a spot vice-presidential election would be a costly and time consuming venture at best and Koning says the council will likely go the appointment route.

Until a new staffer is in place in late September at the earliest, the other three SAC officials will pick up the slack, Koning says.



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Campus manager to be hired

By Mike Lewis

In an attempt to lift the "veil of impropriety... and ensure timely, accurate bookkeeping" George Brown College is hiring an independent accountant to manage student union budgets, institute president Doug Light has announced.

And students, through their \$55. activity fee, will pay the controller's \$25,000 annual salary.

"This is something I should have done years ago," says Light. But since records from previous student administrations are incomplete, "we can only start with a clean slate and look to the present and future."

The full time manager will prepare detailed cost/revenue statements for the student councils, maintain a balanced current account, assure minimum cash reserves at the end of the school year and liaison between the SACs and internal auditor Earl Durst.

Durst says his recent audit of the SCA and Dialog, along with the success of the campus manager model at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute, prompted the hiring decision. "We wanted to eliminate any doubts that may exist about the use of student funds."

The financial manager, a chartered accountant, will likely be on the job by early October.

Making daily rounds between the SAC offices at Kensington, St. James, Casa Loma and Nightingale campus", the manager will work closely with student politicians but most of his office

duties, according to Jim Henry, are already carried out by SCA employees.

"I don't disagree with the idea of a campus manager," says the Kensington SAC president. "But I do wonder if we need another full time bookkeeper - or if we can afford one."

Under the institute plan, each SAC will contribute a percentage of the manager's salary based on student numbers at that campus, with St. James chipping in about \$12,000, Casa Loma \$6,000, Kensington \$4,000, and Nightingale \$3,000.

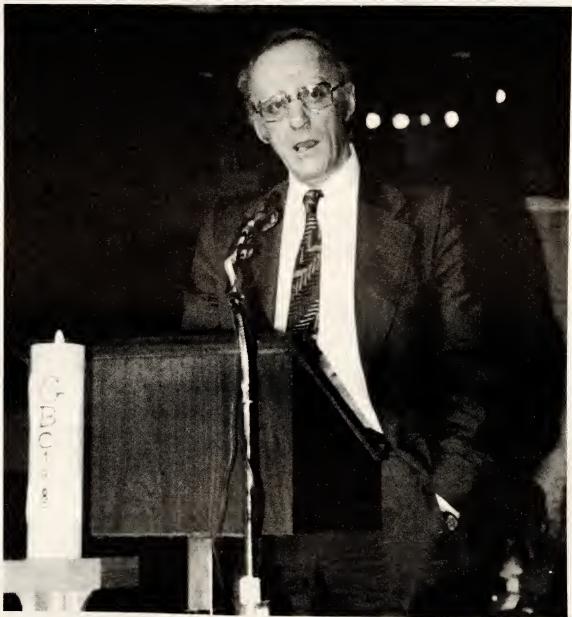
And with at least two SAC's facing a total unbudgeted expense of about \$15,000, - unpaid bills from the 1983/84 administrations, but with additional revenue from the \$5. increase in activity fees - the SCA won't have any less cash to work with this year, but they won't have any more.

Students will go without a few streamers at dances, says Henry, at least one SAC employee will have their hours cut and "we'll pay for the mistakes of the past."

Henry says the institute should pay half the manager's salary, or he should only be employed part time.

But Casa Loma president Jorge Calado disagrees:

"Sure it will cost us money but we (the SCA) are getting the service. In the long run students will benefit and besides, \$25,000 (out of a total SCA budget of nearly \$200,000) is a fair price to pay for being above suspicion."



Doug Light: George Brown College president says new financial manager will "lift the veil of secrecy... and ensure timely, accurate records. Student leaders agree, but some question the cost."

Liveable city

By Staff Reporter

The Liveable City is a story that warrants telling. It's no secret that Toronto is one of the most "liveable" of cities, and Rogers Cable TV wants to let the people of our city tell the tale. In celebration of the Sesquicentennial, Rogers Cable TV has produced an eight-part series of half-hour programs focusing on the cornerstones of our friendly metropolis - the neighbourhoods.

There are no famous players in the tale - in fact, the stars in the series are the neighbourhoods themselves: The Annex, The Beaches, Cabbagetown, the Danforth, Forest Hill, Rosedale, Spadina & Kensington and Yonge & Eglinton. "By involving local people as hosts and advisors, the major element of community programming is maintained in the series," explains Chris DaCosta, Vice-President of Programming for the Rogers Toronto system, and the neighbourhoods were chosen to represent major areas of Toronto, that residents and non-residents alike can identify with."

The Liveable City is not simply a collection of guided tours. Series producer Michael McNamara (of Queen West Productions)

terms them "mind maps", highly subjective looks at neighbourhoods through the eyes of everyday people who live or work in the area. Each week a Guest Host presents a very individual perception of his or her neighbourhood and one or more Junior Hosts (local kids) race us through their back streets.

Series host Michael Jordan ties these very personal tours together each week with historical and contemporary commentary.

In recognition of the Sesquicentennial Rogers Cable TV will be donating a videocassette copy of the series to the Toronto Archives and a presentation of the series will be made to the Mayor of Toronto's sister city - Amsterdam. Burgomaster Ed van Thijha; a broadcast of the series on national television in the Netherlands is under discussion.

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Strike averted

By Mike Lewis

In an eleven-hour decision, 4,700 community college support staff have voted to accept a one-year contract, averting a strike that threatened to shut down the Ontario college system.

Wage increases in the pact range from 3.7 percent to 6 percent, averaging 4.9 percent.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, representing support staff plus 7,600 community college teachers, had demanded a nine percent raise over a one-year contract to bring its members closer to wages paid other private sector workers on the same job.

Support staff at Ontario's 22 community colleges, including clerks, cafeteria cooks and caretakers, voted narrowly in favour of a strike on August 14. They settled, after a three-day, virtually non-stop session of talks between the union and colleges, less than twenty-four hours before the contract expired.

Under terms of the new deal, support workers will earn between \$7.61 and \$20.18 an hour.

Council of Regents chairman Norman Williams had said earlier he would close the community colleges if support staff walked out and if faculty joined the strike.

Meanwhile, community college teachers have been urged to reject a contract their chief negotiator calls a "slap in the face."

Bargaining chairman Ron Kelly says he expects the teachers will vote against the province's offer on September 18.

The teacher's contract expired August 31. A strike vote could have been called for October 2, and the union could legally walk out on October 17.

Citing public sector guidelines, the colleges have offered pay raises of no more than five percent. Teacher salaries currently average \$33,000 annually.



Features

GBC - the living is easy

By Mike Lewis

In its continuing effort to transform student life from unbearable to merely unpleasant, DIALOG has commissioned this guide to your rights and responsibilities under Ontario's Landlord and Tenant Act. Landlords are often hostile to students, seeing in them noisy, destructive, and financially irresponsible set of poor risks. Many landlords will avoid renting to students if at all possible; others - knowing students are often away from home for the first time and are comparatively innocent (at least in this one respect) - practise the most blatantly exploitative tactics you can imagine. This guide is intended to arm you for the fight ahead, but remember that, while every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, DIALOG cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions which may have crept in. The final authority is the Act itself, which is available for a nominal charge from Ontario Government Publications at 880 Bay Street. If you have real problems, contact Legal Aid (in the white pages of the phone book) or one of the storefront law clinics at 1239 Queen Street West or 932A Queen Street East.

Advertisements.

If you haven't found a place yet, you're in a lot of trouble. GBC has an office for off-campus housing in the Admin. Building, where you can find an up-to-date list of places that do accept students. You can also try sneaking in to U. of T's housing office, at 49 St. George Street, but keep in mind that these services do not warrantee an apartment's quality or a landlord's honesty.

Appliances

Not all rental accommodation includes a fridge and stove, but if it does, then it is the owner's responsibility to keep them in working order. See "Repairs".

Boarding Houses.

Shared accommodation, etc., if you can find one of these with a congenial group, you're very lucky, because costs will be kept low. However, you cannot take in boarders to your own apartment without the owner's written consent; check your lease, if you have one. Boarding houses can be really bad news; tenants are normally expected to clean common areas like the kitchen, and they don't. There's always one idiot who eats your groceries, hides used dishes, and blows his or her nose in the shower. If you're a visa student, you may find yourself in what amounts to a ghetto for your own ethnic group; this may be more comfortable in some ways, but it leaves all of you vulnerable to an unscrupulous landlord. You may benefit by renting from a large impersonal corporation rather than an individual: the former has at least routinized its legal obligations and by its nature cannot discriminate.

Cockroaches.

The less said about these, the better. If you've got one, you've got thousands; it's the landlord's problem, for he or she must bring in an exterminator, and pay for the work. If this doesn't happen, try the Health Department.

Deposit.

You will probably be asked to pay your last month's rent in advance; this amount is to be banked for you and the interest applied against any rent increase for that last month. Whatever's left over must be refunded to you.

You may also be asked to pay a so-called "damage deposit." This is illegal, and subject to heavy fines.

Eviction.

Every tenant, whether or not the signer of a lease, has obligations to pay rent promptly (you never have the right to withhold rent, no matter the provocation), to perform routine maintenance and cleaning, and not to interfere with others' rights to "reasonable enjoyment" (i.e. keep the noise down). If you violate these conditions, or the terms of your lease, you can be thrown out - SUMMER OR WINTER.

However, eviction requires a court order, enforced by the sheriff (not the police, although sometimes the cops are called to keep the peace). This means the landlord cannot, for example, change the locks without your consent, or cut off your lights-heat-water. If any of this happens, or is threatened, get thee to a lawyer.

Furniture.

You may get some of this a few years after you graduate. If you live in furnished quarters, you are obliged to leave the stuff in about the same condition as you got it, or be subject to various inconvenient penalties, civil and criminal. On the other hand, the landlord cannot seize whatever sticks and orange crates you do for any reason whatsoever. .

Guarantor.

This is the renter's equivalent to a cosigner; if you submit, you are the sublessee's guarantor. If the sublessee defaults, the landlord can come after you.

Heat.

Most apartments have either too much, or none. Get a thermometer, and if the temperature inside your apartment falls below, say, 65 degrees F, complain to the super (many a cold apartment can be warmed simply by improving insulation around windows and doors - see "Repairs"). If this doesn't get results within a reasonable time (and heating troubles must be solved **QUICKLY**) call in the Health Department, who will order the landlord to shape up. Increases.

These are still subject to the Rent Review Act, which means that you **WILL** get rent increases of 6% every twelve months. If the landlord wants more, there is a formal hearing process, at which the Rent Review Board Representative assesses the allowable rent based on the landlord's costs and profit maintenance. You can challenge the landlord's presentation at the hearing (the landlord must circulate to tenants advance statement outlining his/her case); if you don't bother, the landlord will in all likelihood get **EVERY DIME HE/SHE ASKS FOR**. Landlords are quite creative in claiming expenses which do not exist, and you may get stuck with a staggering increase.

Journal.

You will often hear promises about cleaning, painting, and repairs which are not kept; for your protection, keep track of them all. As soon as you move in (today, if not sooner), take

a thorough tour of your place, looking for 1. cracked windows

2. torn window screening 3. broken toilet seats, 4. leaky faucets 5. malfunctioning appliances, 6. light switches, and electrical outlets, and so on. Submit a list of the repairs needed to the super, keeping a copy for yourself, so that a) a no-one can claim these problems occurred during your tenancy, and you cannot be held accountable for costs of repair and b) you have a written record of your complaints and the time it took to remedy them. If you do NOT complain, the owner may argue later that your consent was implied by your silence, and do nothing.

Keys.

Many places charge you a refundable key deposit of up to \$10.00; get a receipt and keep it, or you'll never get your money back. Also, make plenty of duplicates, because landlords charge outrageous fees to replace lost keys. Remember, neither you nor the landlord has a right to change or add locks without the other's consent.

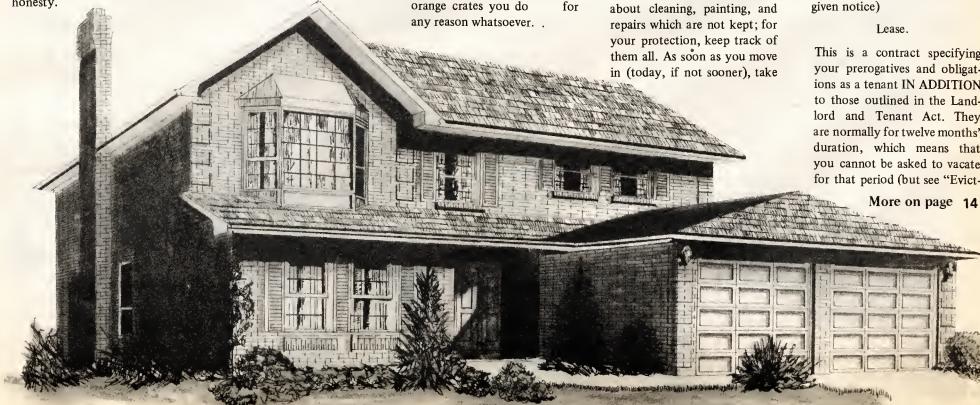
Lascivious.

Four out of ten landlords are lascivious; the remainder are just plain nosy. Unless there's an emergency, like a fire or flooding, your privacy cannot be invaded without "48 hours" or other "reasonable" notice; make it clear that you will not take kindly to the owner's "surprise visits." You keep him or her out without good cause (and not at all if the purpose of the visit is to show the apartment to prospective tenants after you've given notice)

Lease.

This is a contract specifying your prerogatives and obligations as a tenant in ADDITION to those outlined in the Landlord and Tenant Act. They are normally for twelve months' duration, which means that you cannot be asked to vacate for that period (but see "Eviction")

More on page 14



Words from a winner!

David Crombie, BA, MP, Pt has represented Rosedale, including George Brown College, for the last six years. Minister of National Health and Welfare for the ill-fated Clark government, and a member of the Opposition's "Shadow cabinets" ever since. Crombie was a contender at last year's party leadership convention. Some analysts believe it was his reputation as a "Red Tory" - a fiscal conservative and social liberal - combined with concern over his health - Crombie suffered a heart attack in 1980 - which prevented his assumption of the Clark crown.

DIALOG: secured this interview with the former Toronto Mayor while Crombie was relaxing over a cup of tea in his Glencairn Avenue home.

DIALOG: You've been elected to Parliament as the MP for Rosedale three times, yet you've campaigned hard, without a break, since July?

CROMBIE: Yes. In fact, since quite a bit before.

DIALOG: I would have thought this was one of the more secure seats in Metro, so why all the work?

CROMBIE: Well, I operate on the general principle that, if you take things for granted, they'll take them away from you. Also, there's a few things... this is a traditional Liberal riding - I mean, there are more traditional Liberals than traditional Conservatives. A lot of people have forgotten that. This was Donald MacDonald's riding for many years. Also, we took a poll in the late spring, which showed 37 percent Liberal and 27 percent Conservative.

Editor's note: This was soon after the Liberal leadership convention and includes only decided voters.

Thirdly, I won the last election by only 1,000 votes. Now, the Tories were on the way down then, and I was in the hospital because of my heart attack... but people say oh, well, Crombie... It's not that simple.

DIALOG: Judging from the work you're doing now, you're fully recovered?

CROMBIE: Yes, I exercise - I run two to three miles a day, and I got into a program which changed my diet... no more coffee and so on. In fact, my eldest daughter is at Waterloo in health sciences and she sees to it I watch my nutrition.

DIALOG: So concerns over your health are unnecessary?

CROMBIE: Yes, thank you.

DIALOG: You mentioned one daughter at university. I read in the Parliamentary Directory that you have three children, all. I'd guess about college age. Could you tell us about them?

CROMBIE: Well, besides my eldest (Carrie Ann) I have another daughter (Robin) just starting at Dalhousie. And my son (Jonathan David) is in grade thirteen. He's not sure what he'll be doing yet, but he seems to have some leanings toward the theatre.

DIALOG: Well, you were instrumental in keeping the Canada Council independent, so he comes by it honestly enough. In fact, you were Health Minister in the Clark government, but you're Treasury Board critic now. And I saw you in "The Journal" talking about culture. Those are big jumps.

CROMBIE: Actually, there were

a lot of steps in between. I went from Health to Social Policy and Development critic, then to Employment and Immigration. When Brian Mulroney became leader, I moved to Culture and Communications, and in April Brian Mulroney asked me to take Treasury Board.

That surprised a lot of people, but there's two reasons: First, a lot of the Treasury Board is labour negotiations. It's a field I know a lot about, from my term in City Government, and it's one thing Brian Mulroney knows about too. Second - City Governments are forbidden by law from having deficits; they must balance their budgets. So I learned how to say, if you've got A and B; You can A, or you can have B. You can't have A AND B." I learned to make those choices.

DIALOG: That's quite a background. Do you see a cabinet role for yourself in a Mulroney government?

CROMBIE: I'll be in the cabinet; I don't think it's immodest to say that. I'm not sure just where... probably Culture Communications or perhaps the Treasury Board. But you have to understand it's Brian Mulroney's Party, and wherever he asks me to serve, I will.

DIALOG: I realize that education is not your special field, but you are a teacher by training.

CROMBIE: That's right.

DIALOG: ...and education is obviously of some concern to your constituents at George Brown. So, what kind of priority would a PC government give to formal higher education: as opposed to apprenticeship and retraining?

CROMBIE: Very high. There's no question that the Conservative Party gives interest and priority to education. And not just in technology. I believe that the world is going to belong to the generalist. For example, I made a statement recently calling for support of the Social Sciences (and Humanities) Research Council. They have a five year plan to upgrade funding for research to keep pace with inflation and the Conservative Party is committed to that goal of higher funding for generalists.

DIALOG: But do you think that colleges and universities should be more responsive to job market trends?

DIALOG: Would this formula be worked out in federal-provincial conferences, or bilaterally, or what?

CROMBIE: Well, there's three steps. Federal-provincial conferences. But then there's the Council of Education Ministers and, ultimately, bilateral meetings.

involvement from business, and on-the-job training, rather than college programs.

CROMBIE: This can easily be within the sphere of influence of the colleges. For example, there is a program at George Brown College aimed at young people with no more than a grade ten education. They take a course in computer skills... it's not at the campus, but at the end of it, their diploma comes from the college.

I think the main thing is to increase our flexibility.

Editor's note: At an August 27 all candidates sponsored by the St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Committee Crombie advocated expansion of the National Training Centre and establishment of local job training councils involving labour, management and educators. "We must re-establish the direct relationship between jobs and education," he said.

DIALOG: But given Mulroney's promise to increase co-operation between the provinces and the federal government, how would a PC government make its influence felt in this area?

CROMBIE: That is a problem. The federal government certainly has a role to play in terms of funding and policy, but the actual training should be done by the National Institute of Training.

My brother is President of George Brown College in Sudbury, and what he wants is co-ordination. For him it's not the Federal and Ontario governments, but government's Brian Mulroney's Party, and wherever he asks me to serve, I will.

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CROMBIE: There has to be established certain areas of priority, which I will call national objectives. These are important for the country, but they have to be operated by the regions. The federal government's role is funding and policy.

DIALOG: Would a Mulroney government return to dollar for dollar grants, or maintain block funding?

CROMBIE: The change to block funding, as you know, offered advantages to the provinces as well as to the federal government. We would definitely restore the 1977 level of funding which was greater in real (ie: corrected for inflation) terms.

But we have to work out a format with the provinces. I'd like to see a long range, five year plan, so the schools could set goals for their future.

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David does it: Rosedale incumbent David Crombie, 48, won re-election in an easy, walkaway win over Liberal challenger Bill Graham. Crombie took the riding by 11,735 votes.

DIALOG: The Canada Student Loan Plan is the enabling mechanism for just about universal access to higher education in this country. But, with unemployment and rising costs, students find themselves saddled with huge debts after graduation. In the US, on the other hand, student loan interest rates are limited to seven percent. Any comments?

CROMBIE: In the United States there's two kinds of schools: state and private. The loans plan only applies to state schools. At least here, you can get funding to study where you want.

But I see no problem with charging a few points less than the market rate on interest. I'm not against that, although not too low, so people won't manipulate the system.

I think we need more flexibility in terms of payback. Obviously, if a graduate is unemployed, he shouldn't have to pay until he gets a job. (*Editor's note:* The Ontario Student Assistance Program offers an interest relief option to unemployed graduates whereby the government suspends loan principle for renewable three month periods, and picks up the accrued interest charges.)

DIALOG: What about defaulters? Not the kind we just mentioned, but people who just won't pay?

CROMBIE: I haven't thought it through. I suppose the government should be a reasonable collection agency on loans.

DIALOG: At the National Action Committee on the Status of Women debate, Mr. Mulroney - in fact all the leaders - promised more funding for rape crisis centres.

CROMBIE: Yes we're committed to that.

DIALOG: College women seem especially vulnerable to sexual attack, but I'd suggest the problem

isn't too few crisis centres, but too many rapes. How would the Mulroney government reduce the incidence of rape?

CROMBIE: There are three ways. Education, enforcement and surveillance. Education: people must be taught that rape is a question of violation, not a question of sex. Then there's enforcement. And the only other thing is surveillance.

DIALOG: So you see no real changes, say, in existing legislation?

CROMBIE: No, the law was just changed, and we supported that.

DIALOG: Mr. Mulroney didn't get a chance to speak on daycare, but he stated his concern in his opening remarks.

CROMBIE: Yes. The child care exemption should be made clearly equal to cost, which is about \$4,500. And it should be a refundable deduction for those who don't make an income.

DIALOG: Any comment on the way PC programs have been costed?

CROMBIE: My strongest advice has always been to fully cost programs. But I think it is important to set priorities, so that we can say what will be done in the first year, and also a five year plan for later on.

DIALOG: Finally. Is there anything general you'd like to say to your constituents at George Brown?

CROMBIE: I was on the first Board at George Brown College, and I've seen it grow into a first class educational institution. It has fulfilled more than people thought it could, and there is much to be proud of.

Editor's note: This interview was conducted prior to the September 4 federal election which saw Crombie re-elected in a majority Tory victory.

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BY PAULINE JOHNSON



ISLAND FEST '84



Review

Up against the blue wall



Photo courtesy of GBC Dance Department

Leigh-Ann Cohen, a graduate of the George Brown College Dance Training Program, performing in *Today and Tomorrow Are All My Tuesdays*, the classically-ballet selected choreographed by School of Dance chairman Lois Smith. The highlight of the recent Evening of Dance, the performance, dedicated to the province of Ontario of its Bicentennial, was high spirited, eager to please and easy to access. A mixed offering of classical and contemporary ballet, the program was staged at the Winchester Street Theatre last month.

By Mike Lewis

At the front of Carsten Stroud's *THE BLUE WALL*, there is the traditional page of rave reviews — but these are a little different. One is drawn from the Vancouver Police Drug Squad, another from NEWS AND VIEWS, the magazine of the Toronto Police Association, so be warned: cops like this book, and if you don't like cops, then don't buy *THE BLUE WALL*. It's an unblushing paean of praise, almost a hymn to the gritty life of the line officer; and Stroud's greatest success is his ability to capture with seeming accuracy the attitudes and even the tone of his subjects.

Liek police work itself, *THE BLUE WALL* is episodic, fragmented, and at times nonsensical. Stroud spent a year riding and walking with police officers from coast to coast, who opens with a powerful account of patrolmen on Vancouver's notorious Davie Street, moves to Toronto's own S2 (downtown) and 55 (Gerrard and Broadview) divisions, on to the Montreal Hold-up Squad, back to Vancouver for the narcs, to a northern OPP detachment, and finally — after a brief digression in Halifax — to Winnipeg.

In all of these, Stroud focuses on the individuals to whom he was assigned, striving in a few anecdotes to capture the essential similarities and differences in the men (he was not permitted to patrol with policewomen, though he does include a few interviews with the "powder blues") and the work.

Some of this is crisp and effective: a touching recreation of Constable Michael Sweet's last hours alive, an exciting account of work in Montreal, where armed robbery and the police response to it are both virtual sciences; an hilarious discussion with a student who parrots every cliché she's ever heard in Intro-Sociology about how police cause crime; a brutal and inconclusive hunt for a rapist in Winnipeg's Indian quarter. In all of these, the police emerge as strangely attractive. They are tough, hard drinking, violent; but they use violence as a tool, never simply because they have the power to use it (indeed, while Stroud recounts several incidents which a less friendly observer might consider brutality, he is on the whole impressed by the cops' restraint in the face of intolerable provocation). They have thoughtful things to say about justice and

inequality, they are ambivalent about the law and their place in it — but they have made a decision about where they stand, and they follow it through with inexorable logic. There are no "dirty cops" in *THE BLUE WALL*: they may recognize grey areas intellectually, but it is clear that, to a man, they view police work as active and committed, and they embrace their roles wholeheartedly.

Indeed, at some point the reader will wonder if all this consistency isn't the author's creation. The cops are just TOO earthy, their dialogues too witty, their concepts of "the Book" and "the line" too formalized. Comparisons with Wambaugh are inevitable, but one senses that, where Wambaugh wrote truth thinly disguised as fiction, Stroud has done the reverse. This is not to suggest that *THE BLUE WALL* is some sort of hoax; rather, it seems to be a distillation, prettied up with the author's exercise of journalistic license.

Above all, the book fails when Stroud himself begins to talk, to impose his own sense of order and morality on what is at root a chaotic and even anarchic milieu: the world of the street cop.

Out to lunch

By Mike Lewis

A lean budget doesn't have to mean belt tightening as even the most financially deprived George Brown student can get the best (and most) for less at Plumer's Dining Room.

Open year-round at the Kensington campus, this popular restaurant features a satisfying full course lunch, including appetizer, soup, salad, coffee AND entree

for as little as \$5. Even with dinner menus priced slightly higher (to about \$7.50), Plumer's food fare amounts to one of Metro's finest dining values.

Value

And while we're talking a touch of class (jackets, gentlemen, please), we're definitely not talking Wendy's. Entree choices range daily from rack of lamb to New York sirloin to roast beef with Yorkshire pudding. The latter, incidentally was tender, delicately seasoned and generally a pleasure.

Staffed by George Brown College hospitality student under the hands-on supervision of maître d'/dining room instructor Björn Rasmussen, Plumer's stresses three aspects of fine dining — service, food, and service.

Service

Students in the food and beverage courses are taught that a meal "carefully prepared by the finest of chefs is ruined if the order is incorrect or if the meal is not served quickly and with finesse... a meal is only a meal, not an experience, if the wine is not served correctly or if the patron's needs are not anticipated."

Indeed, this unique dining experience — restaurant as culinary classroom — produces service almost overwhelmingly at-

tentive, and only occasionally awkward. Our waitress for example, seemed loathe to allow water glass or coffee cup to dip below the half full level (I'm an optimist).

The hostess, also a student, was equally eager to please and as anxious to accommodate.

Eager

Add to this mix, palatable chow mein; limited edition art by George Brown alumnus Stefan Galvanek; pleasant decor (aside from the institutional brickwork) and the full-blooded colour of Kensington Market itself (suppliers of fresh produce and poultry to Plumer's) and it becomes clear why the restaurant has flourished at the same location for 16 years.

Lunch for two with one half litre of house wine, tax and tip less than \$15. Reservations required for dinner 5 - 7 p.m. September to May. Lunches 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. year-round; first come, first served. Reservation desk open - call 967-1212, ext. 4305. Open to all G.B.C. staff, students and the public. No credit cards accepted.

Located at 21 Nassau Street, corner of Spadina and Nassau.

Leisure line-up

By Mike Lewis

The following is a partial list of entertainment happenings in and around George Brown College this month.

SEPTEMBER 13 - Bluejeans and Sneakers Night at the good old El Macombo Tavern - Spadina at College - features comedian Michael Yurick. The event is sponsored by the Kensington Student Administrative Council.

SEPTEMBER 14 - The Tenants move into St. Lawrence Market North - 92 Front Street East - for the first St. James pub of the year. Tickets \$4. in advance, \$5. at the door.

SEPTEMBER 22 - The Sesqui Committee, in co-operation with Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, the University of Toronto, Seneca and George Brown Colleges, is sponsoring a Sesqui Olympic event at Olympic Island. Starting at 1 p.m., the Olympic will feature games, athletics and a Victory dance from 7:30 to 9 p.m. As of this writing musical entertainment had not been confirmed. Watch for other Sesqui events at GBC in coming months.

SEPTEMBER 23 - A 10km Terry Fox Run will take place on the Toronto Island from 10 a.m. to

Antiques

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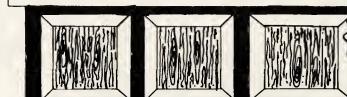
4 p.m. Pledge sheets available at all campus SAC offices.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 15 - The Festival of Festivals is in progress at the Showcase Cinema, 651 Yonge Street. Highlights this year include the North American premiere of director Claude Charbrol's The Blood of Others and the world debut of Gentle Sinners, directed by Eric Till. Famous faces involved in readings and panel discussions include Margaret Atwood, Mordecai Richler and Timothy Findley. Single tickets are available for \$5. screenings, readings and panels all-inclusive. \$3. for reading, screening or panel. Appropriate passes and coupons also accepted. Call 826-8243.

HARBOURFRONT - This fall's reading series enters its busiest season ever with a novel-writing contest, a feature reading in support of National Literacy Week by Robertson Davies, readings from banned books during Freedom to Read Week and book launchings by John Gray and Erika Ritter. Call 364-5665 for more information. . . And be sure to drop down to the basement of the Nightingale Campus - 2 Murray Street at University and Elm - and check out the nifty new lounge opened last month.

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	1984	1983
Receipts	\$13,542.	\$13,158.
Disbursements		
Salary, honorariums, & Commissions (Schedule 1)	\$ 5,204.	\$ 3,911.
Publishing costs	2,180.	6,303.
Promotion costs	61.	643.
Office & Photo supplies	619.	472.
Car rental	—	214.
Metro Pass	570.	235.
Miscellaneous (Schedule 2)	2,569.	3,917.
Bank Charges	104.	15.
Cash disbursements July, Aug., and Sept. 1, to Sept 20, 1983 (Note 1)	2,531.	—
Total Disbursements	\$13,838.	\$15,790.
Excess disbursements over receipts	(\$286.)	\$2,632.)
Opening bank balance	412.	3,044*
Bank balance May 31	\$116.	\$412
Items paid on behalf of Dialog by Student Council Association and not reflected in the above expense balances:		
Car rentals)	\$ 503.	
Publishing costs)	4,035.	
Office supplies) (Schedule 3)	223.	
Miscellaneous)	191.	
	4,952.	

*Opening balance for 1983 was not verified due to incomplete records maintained in the prior year.

NOTE 1: Bank statements and cancelled cheques were missing for this period. Therefore, the cash disbursements were calculated by using the opening and closing bank balances for the period and adjusting for the deposits as recorded in the duplicate deposit book.

Student interest is still the key

What does GBC mean to you? A place to be because the economy and job situation are in dead-zone shape?

An institution of your choosing; a stepping stone to launch your career? A 'wild and crazy' gathering for groupies? Or just a place that you were 'stuck' with and you're playing by ear? All these reasons are legitimate to an extent.

Our common denominator would be that you and I make the college what it is today. We're GB'ers by name and trade and we should be damn proud of it.

We're in a well-recognized college in Toronto — you don't have to shy away when you say you're from the "City College", not a slumber college. O.K., the college isn't perfect but I feel it's a college with possibilities, don't you?

That's where the problem lies. Feelings of whoop-to-do appear. It's your college too. All of you paid good money to come here. You've been working hard, trying to achieve good grades in preparation for what lies ahead in the business world — is it? Your goals and objectives serve as a common ground for all of us, but what about you, as a whole?

When I first came to George Brown, I thought it was a school academy where I would further my studies and also learn about myself with the significant others that surround me. How's that for one's philosophy?

It's turned out to be a disappointment — I found many GB'ers keeping to themselves — do we really want that? What happened to college spirit — all work and play?? There are the extremely shy ones, the little cliques, the loud pleasers, and the extreme stuck-ups (God's gift to GBC).

It's almost like you either fit in or you don't — this should not happen. I'm not trying to make myself sound like a 1960's refugee where "peace and love" was the hip thing but we, as homo sapiens need the closeness between one another. However, at our campus, this is definitely lacking. Nobody's to blame for this, it just happens. School spirit is shot all to hell these days.

GB'ers with faceless expressions, dog-eat-dog scam, no pat-on-the-back for job well done, no nothing? That can't be, this is the '80's, and we should be significant people (75% of the time), doing significant things (morally acceptable), and going to significant places (65% of the time). You won't know till you get off your hind hard ass and make the best of it — The Best Is Yet To Come. Nobody is asking you to "party till you puke", but simply to achieve your perspectives with the right attitude.

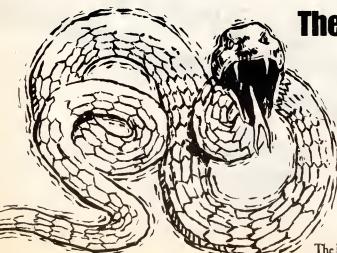
So come out and support your local team, participate in a badminton match with a friend, go to a show — extend a helping hand and reach out — make the time. Choose your path, make your limits and have fun as a true GB'er.

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ion"), but which also means you'll be stuck for the rent during the summer. See "sublet." On the whole, a lease is probably a good thing to have, since it lets you know where you stand. Once it expires, you may choose to sign a new one — but you don't have to.

Monthly Lease.

(Sometimes called an "implied lease" if you have not signed a lease, or if your lease has expired, you automatically go on a month-to-month leasing, in which the terms of the original contract remains in effect, but you can leave (with proper notice) at any time. You might consider this if you plan to return home in less than a calendar year.

Notice.

Within sixty days of your lease's expiry (or within sixty days of the date you want to move if you have no lease) you must inform the landlord in writing of your intention to vacate. If you don't plan to move, the landlord can't force you; but if you move without proper notice, you can be billed for the rent until the landlord finds a new tenant. Since you're paying in any case, landlords are sometimes a little slow in this respect, preferring to fill their other vacancies first. This is illegal, but hard to enforce. Landlords have also been known to require that the full twelve months' rent be paid in eight months, so that they can't be burned if you skip over the summer. This practice was recently struck down by the Ontario Supreme Court, so you needn't stand still for it.

Oven.

A place for storing dishes, once the sink fills.

Paint.

In the good ol' days, apartments used to be painted when a new tenant arrived, but this is now almost unknown. If you have the energy, and if the place really needs it, you might suggest that you supply the paint and the labour, deducting the cost of both from your rent. Privacy. See "Lascivious."

Quality tenants.

A euphemism in ads, designed to cover up all sorts of discrimination; often a signal the apartment in question is fiendishly expensive. More commonly, however, a "quality tenant" is one with a good credit rating. Since most students have no credit rating of any kind, let alone a good one, many must have recourse to a guarantor. (see above) who will assume rental payments if the tenant defaults. The obvious candidates for guarantor are your parents. You may also need a guarantor — or a hefty deposit — for hydro and telephone.

Repairs.

You are responsible for minor maintenance like cleaning, changing fuses, and such, as well as for repairs to things you damaged. Otherwise, it's

the owner's affair, and there are health laws and building codes which clearly set out what is acceptable. Unfortunately, involvement with these bureaucracies can be pretty frustrating, so here's what you do.

First, inform the super in writing of needed repairs (You've been keeping a journal, haven't you? Give him or her enough time to get the work done — of course, the time you allow depends on how urgent the repair. A broken window in January is urgent, a leaky faucet isn't. If you have no luck with the super, try the city health and/or housing departments. They may issue a work order, assuming that the problem you have violates one or another code. Even if it does, however, enforcement of the order is often lax.

You now have two choices: you can take the landlord to court, which is expensive and time-consuming; or you can have the repairs done yourself. If you choose the latter, and if the work needed is beyond your abilities, get the usual three estimates and pick the lowest. Keep careful track of costs, and keep the landlord informed of what you're doing and why (since landlords can often get plumbers or whatever for much less than you can, merely informing him or her of your intentions may be enough to prompt action). Once the work is done, take the landlord to court to recover your expenses, or (more risky) deduct them from rental payments. Simple, right?

Stairways, elevators. These are "common areas" along with lobbies and halls. If the landlord has rented (say, a house) to several tenants in common, then these areas are the tenants' responsibility; otherwise, it is the landlord's job to keep them clean, adequately lit, and free of obstruction. If they are not, then the Fire Inspector will be the one to call.

Sublet.

If you plan to live in your new digs the year 'round, well and good; otherwise, you'll have to sublet. This isn't as easy as it sounds, because in the summertime rentals change from a seller's to a buyer's market. You may have to offer various deals, like reduced rent; and, of course, it's a lot easier to find a new tenant if you don't plan to take over the apartment again next fall. Start looking in January.

The landlord has a veto over any person you propose as a sublessee, but this consent can't be withheld without good reason. However, you remain the leaseholder, and payments are ultimately your responsibility. This means that a subletting arrangement to the wrong people can put you in hock for defaulted rent, repairs to vandalized property, etc. See "guarantor."

Teles and Porcelain.

These are sealed to bathtubs and walls with something called grouting: check grouting for

cracks, as it can often be repaired easily if caught in time, if not, you'll be without a shower for weeks, until a plasterer can come by. Note that grouting should be white; if it's any other color, clean it with a strong solution of bleach and water.

Transfer clause; leasebreaking

You may find yourself with as soon as you graduate (miracles do happen), in which case you may have to move to another city. A transfer clause permits you to break your lease — usually calling for a penalty of \$50.00 and up — for specific reasons and frees you of your obligation to pay rent for the full term of the lease. Get one if you can.

Union, Tenants'.

A collection of tenants in a particular building who are brought together to deal with common problems. Particularly effective in fighting rent increases, they tend to fall apart fairly quickly due to apathy.

User Pays Systems.

If you pay your own hydro, cable, and phone, you know what these are. In any user pays system, the landlord is only a middleman, supplying infrastructures: you must normally deal direct with Ma Bell, or whoever. Be warned that your hydro, gas, and the like can be cut off for nonpayment, and will cost you a fortune to reconnect.

Vacant.

You may have rented a place which was empty before you took it; if so, ask yourself why, and look for the reason. It's probably curled up under your fringe.

Welfare.

Should you find yourself totally without means of support, you may contact these people at (Min. of Community and Social Services). They will provide you with just enough to keep you off the street — but on a loan basis, to be repaid from OSAP or other funds.

X.Y.Z. Give me a break.

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more money? Don't be silly; this is a COST CUTTING project. Whatever new money the colleges get — and Dr. Stevenson, the Minister of Colleges and Universities, has so far proven far too delicate to bring up such a crass subject — will of necessity be less than was taken from the universities.

On close examination, then, the Bovey Commission becomes a Trojan horse; an "invitation," as one university paper drily put it, "to cut our own throats." It may initially seem to vindicate the CAAT's: those overpaid and under-

worked profs will have to pull their weight in teaching, just as college profs must; and those arrogant university students will be taken down a notch. But the upshot will be the surrender of Ontario's competitive position in an ever-tightening world of high tech, a consequent re-emphasis on service work and extractive industry and a reaffirmation of our position as "hewers of wood and drawers of water." Placement in colleges will become still tighter, facilities even more overcrowded, funding yet more inadequate. The CAAT's should care.

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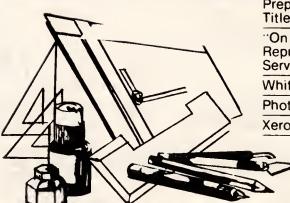
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